

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 757

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A RESOLUTION to honor and congratulate David T. Collie, Jr.
upon his induction into the Tennessee
Secondary School Athletic Association Hall of
Fame.

WHEREAS, the members of this General Assembly are pleased to specially recognize those outstanding high school coaches who have been selected by their peers for induction into the Tennessee Secondary School Athletic Association (TSSAA) Hall of Fame in honor of their years as exceptional coaches, teachers, and mentors of character during their careers; and

WHEREAS, one such outstanding coach is David T. Collie, Jr., who, during his 27 years as a head basketball coach, has accumulated a lifetime winning percentage of 75%, tallying 655 wins and 213 losses; and

WHEREAS, Coach Collie led the Indians of East Robertson High School of Cross Plains, to state basketball championships in 1983, 1987, 1988, and 1989. The gym at East Robertson High School now bears the title "David Collie Gym of Champions"; and

WHEREAS, David Collie first coached in his hometown of Waynesboro at Wayne County High School before spending seventeen years at East Robertson High School, three years at Riverdale High School in Murfreesboro, and the past seven years at Central High School in Columbia; and

WHEREAS, a highly skilled and talented individual, Mr. Collie has coached baseball, football, golf, cross country, track, and basketball at both the high school and junior high level; and

WHEREAS, Coach Collie has guided his basketball teams to 21 district finals, 17 district championships, 12 region championships, 12 state tournaments, in six state finals, and four state championships; and

WHEREAS, with a knack for uncovering the finest qualities of his players, David Collie has coached three Mr. Basketball winners, three Mr. Football winners, and two Mr. Basketball finalists; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Collie is a former President of the Tennessee Athletic Coaches Association; and

WHEREAS, highly respected and admired by his community, Coach Collie proudly served the United States as a member of the United States Air Force, seeing action in Vietnam, and was chosen to carry the Olympic Torch in 2001, an honor recognizing the guidance and inspiration he has provided to so many students/players throughout the years; and

WHEREAS, David Collie most enjoys the loving companionship of his beloved wife, Cynthia, and is incredibly proud of his two children, Barbara, an English teacher at Riverdale High School, and Christopher, an anesthesiology resident at the University of Tennessee at Memphis; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting and appropriate that the members of this General Assembly pause to specially recognize this outstanding coach and mentor, laud his service to the youth of our state, and thank him for his years of exemplary instruction and guidance to those under his care; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we congratulate David T. Collie, Jr. upon his induction into the Tennessee Secondary School Athletic Association Hall of Fame, thank him for his service to the State of Tennessee and its students, and offer him our best wishes for every future success and happiness.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.